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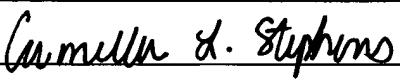
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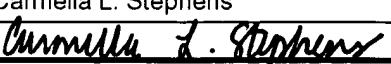
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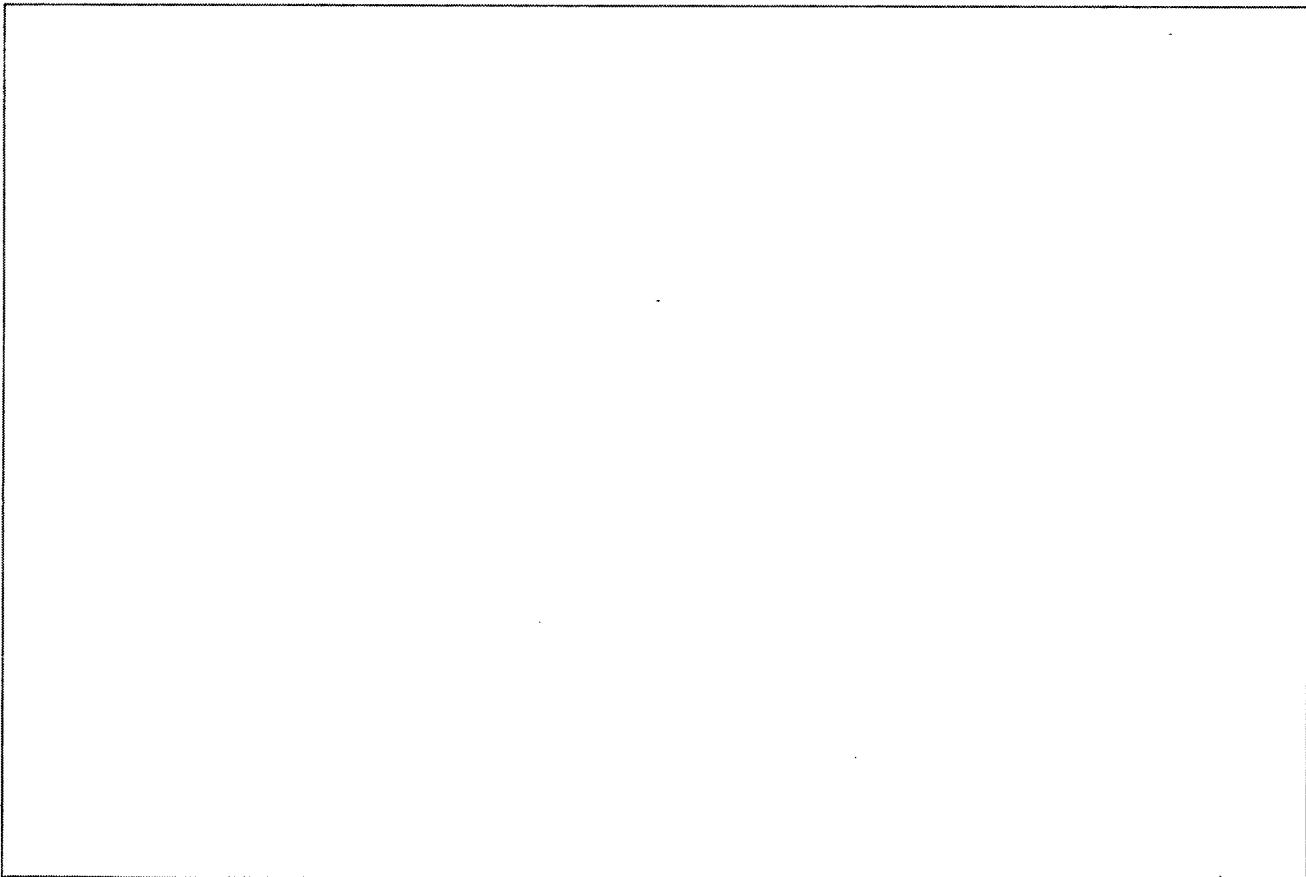
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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19. (amended) A method for predicting whether or not a transplant recipient is likely to reject a tissue allograft comprising detection of IgG anti-HLA DR antibodies in the serum of the recipient against a panel of control B lymphocytes wherein detection of such antibodies indicates that the recipient is likely to reject a tissue allograft.
